

Appl. No. 10/612,548
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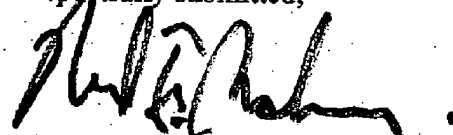
REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were presented for examination. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement, designating two claim groups: Group I (claims 1-20) and Group II (claim 21). Claim 13 is herein amended, and claim 22 is new. Claim 21 is herein withdrawn and cancelled without prejudice.

The Applicant herein elects claims 1-20 (Group I). The Applicant intends to pursue the non-elected claim 21 (Group II), as well as other claims of varying scope, in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

The Applicant believes the above remarks to be fully responsive. Favorable action is solicited. The Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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